

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-22 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 14-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103. The Examiner has allowed claims 1, 3-13, and 21, and has objected to claim 22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated that claim 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating all limitations of its base claim. Applicant thanks the Examiner for so indicating.

Although Applicant disagrees with the rejections of independent claims 14 and 15, Applicant has amended claim 15 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 22. Claims 14 and 22 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Applicant urges that amended claim 15, by incorporating subject matter of claim 22 as suggested by the Examiner, and its dependent claims, now recites patentable subject matter. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant urges that claims 1, 3-13, and 15-21 are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated. Early and favorable action on this case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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